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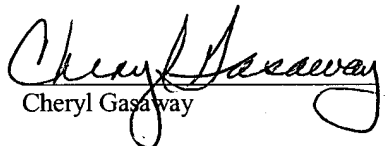
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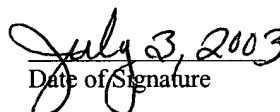


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant - Olan L. Long :  
Serial No. - 10/201,469 :  
Filed - 07/23/2002 : Art Unit: 3676  
For - Impact Tool for Separating Food Items :  
Frozen Together in a Stacked Array :

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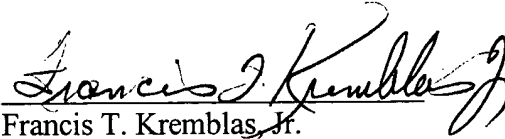
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